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Title : Need to establish a museum at Dholavira.

SHRI P.S. GADHAVI : Sir, I would like to thank you very much for giving me this opportunity.

I would like to invite the attention of the hon. Minister of Culture regarding one of the very important issues in my constituency, the Kutch District, in Gujarat. In my constituency, there is one of the best archaeological site known as Dholavira site. The archaeological site at Dholavira is one of the largest Harappan civilization sites in the Indian Sub-Continent. It is a better site than the Mohenjo Daro in Pakistan. In this site, excavations by the Arcghaeological Survey of India from 1990 to 2004 have brought to light a unique settlement with magnificent architecture such as gates, water reservoirs, stadium, etc. Apart from the structures, the site has yielded a large quantity of antiquarian remains which reflect upon the social, economic and religious life of the Harappan people. The antiquarian remains recovered from the sites have been shifted to New Delhi Office of the ASI for writing a report. But, since a long time, they are not putting up the site there. So, my demand to the hon. Minister is this that Dholavira requires a Museum in which the antiquities recovered from the site should be exhibited at the site itself so that the visitors may get a complete understanding of the site as well as the civilisation.

I would, therefore, urge upon the hon. Minister of Culture that immediately this type of a Museum should be put up at the site itself. Thank you very much.